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NAVAL MILITIAMEN WILL FILL IN

PRICE, TWO CENTS.

SOMONAUK DEGENERATE IS GIVEN 15 YEARS SENTENCE

SCHIRADELLY PLAYS MPORTANT ROLE IN OWN CONVICTION

GIRLIS "EXONERATED"

UNNATURAL STEP-FATHER TRIES TO PUT BLAME UPON GIRL, BUT ATTEMPT WAS MISERABLE FAILURE-CASE RECORD FOR BREVITY.

blance of manhood in his entire make sociation of Congregational churches. up. The jury who decided his fate the Joliet penitentiary for assaulting daughter, after one of the most revoltdredge's tribunal.

Opening at 1:30 yesterday after-Simmered down to facts pertinent to the trial it was Marthas word against him her unnatural guardian - and the jury did just as any other twelve men in Illinois would have done. They believed the girl and refused to place any credence upon the disgusting recltation in which Schiradelly charged his accuser with being a common prostitute. They believed Martha with such firmness that in their first ballot the jurors were all agreed on Schiradelly's guilt. The term of servitude on the first try ranged from seven to twenty-five years and from then on seventeen more attempts were made to fix the extent of punishment to be meted out to the defendant, until the twelve united upon fifteen Caten. ponder over the evil of his ways.

Schiradelly's brazen attempt to vent his spicen upon the girl failed in its Girls' choir. effrontery. The reaction upon the defendant was doubled when he re- session-Scribe. counted stories of his alleged adventures with Martha. The rebound was all his way when the jurors retired to D. D. decide what to do with one of their fellows of such mental composition They were unanimously determined that Schiradelly's performance on the witness stand marked him as a man unfit to mingle in respectable society.

When Judge Eldredge was called upon to pass judgment on the defendant he seemed glad to wash his hands gate, Mr. Herbert Weis,) of the whole affair and proved himself one of the strongest men in the ter Spence, Peru. county when with one waive of his hand he sent John to Joliet for fifteen Rev. G. W. Chessman. long, weary years.

Schiradelly took his punishmen: with as good grace as one of his peanut brains could. He offered no protest and on his way to jail informed KAISER BLAMES court bailiffs that as long as he had to go he wanted to start right away and have it done with. His counses, when the jury reported this morning. moved for a new trial and this was denied by the judge. Immediately atter refusing this request the court ordered Schiradelly to arise and be informed of the penalty inflicted upon him. By good behavior he can come out of the prison in eight years and nine months, the "good time" earned in this manner amounting to six years and three months.

To the deputies who escorted him to the courtroom at noon before his trial opened Schiradelly voiced his certainty of freedom on the strength of a dream he had had the night be-

"I saw before me," he said, "a large board that extended clear across the celf. The man who serves the meals stood behind it and all of a sudden the board disappeared and I walked from jail a free man." Today he is putting no stock in dreams and has Others Testify.

ored to bring into the case the evidence of Schiragelly's mistreatment neutral states stands against the An- the acience classes of the Ottawa of his family one night in Septem- glo Saxon world, and Napoleon's conti- high school on the "Cause of Disbef, when he drove them from the nental blockade, from a phantom, is cases." house. Judge Eldredge held that the becoming a reality, one which will hit. The lecture was illustrated by the evidence had not immediate bearing England harder than everything else use of the projectoscope and was very

heretofcre." John Rupp was the first witness for the defense. He merely testified that existing between the Germans and the state, gave the students a most Schiradelly called at his home on the Austro-Hungarians, the Kaiser de-valuable lecture and it was greatly apafternoon of October 22 and asked clared: him for a chew of tobacco. Charles Rohrer, of Northville, testified that he ing ahead." met the defendant on the road on the

afternoon of October 22. George Guita, who was employed at al be made the Emperor was quoted the Schiradelly home, testified that a ssaying: the girl came home with her stepfather on the afternoon of October 22. He stated that she was not crying. He

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ANNOUNCE SERVICE

REV. CARL STACKMAN TO BE

of February 19th will be held the services attending the installation of the Rev. Carl Stackman as pastor of the John Schiradelly, convicted Somo-city. This service is in the hands of nauk degenerate, besides being La the church council, composed of the Salle county's most conspicuous per. paster and one lay delegate from each vert, is aperjuror without a sem. of the churches of the Fox River As-

> interesting event for some time and these services will be of considerable the installation sermon. Dr. Day,

> of the city are cordially invited to attend the services. Following is the program:

Afternoon.

2:30 Assembly and organization of

the council.

Vote upon installation-The council. 6:00-Supper to visiting delegates

7:24 Organ voluntary -Mrs. C. A.

Processional The choir.

Invocation-Moderator of council Anthem, "Send Out the Light"-

Hymn-Congregation.

Violin solo-Miss Evelyn Barry. Spence, Hinsdale.

Charge to the pastor-Rev. H. E. Peabody, Chicago.

Right band of fellowship Rev. Wal-

Welcome from the city churches-

FOES FOR NOT

been received here.

confidence to hear Kaiser Withelm speak about the sharpest of all our worpons, the new submarine war, who: e results, military, political and psychological, he already appraises as considerable.

"In the course of his talk the Kaior exclaimed:

'Look to the European neutrals. Read the Swedich answer, this doon- DR. PETTIT SPEAKS joined the vast army of non-believers. ment, written as if for all eternity. how they have to estimate our Ed Peckem followed Miss Schira strength, but likewise our will to sense, the declared will of the small teresting lecture this morning before

After speaking of the cordial spirit one of the leading bacteriologists of

"The goal is set and things are go- his students.

Asked about his letter to the chan- LADIES' AUXILIARY, A. O. H., cellor suggesting that a peace propos-

"This letter had to be written, This St. Patrick's hall. Proceeds to go to step had to be taken. For now all the decoration fund of St. Patrick's world knows who those are who im- church. Public invited, Five hundred poze continued miseries on humanity,' and euchre will be played.

FOR INSTALLATION

On Menday afternoon and evening First Congregational church of this

said he must serve fifteen years :4 have been making preparation for this Martha, his seventeen years' old step interest to the general public. In the evening the Rev. Wm. Horace Day, ing hearings ever held in Judge El U. D., of Los Angeles, Cal., will preach who is a former Ottawa boy, is one of the great preachers of the country, noon the case came to a close at 5:15. and every reat in the church should be occupied in the evening to hear

Members of all the various churches

Presentation of credentials and statement of religious beliefs-Rev. Carl Stackman.

and church officers.

Reading of minute" of afternoon the latest crimes reported the police

Sermon-Rev. Wm. Horace Day,

Prayer of installation-Rev. W. H. Charge to the people-Rev. Waiter

Solo-Miss Vera Ham, (Cello obli-

Prayer and benediction-The paster. Recessional hymn The choir.

ENDING STRIFE

BERLIN, Feb. 15.-Emperor Wil- response to her screams for help. liam, in the first interview he has giv- The man is described as being about ca since the war began, predicts that five feet eight inches tall, He wore a the submarine blockade will hit Eng- dark suit and cap and long black overland harder than anything else since cost. the conflict broke out.

The interview, which was given out came party who was peopling in the In Vienna to the Austrian poet and windows of East Superior street resiplaywright. Pans Mueller, has just dences and are now looking for the

In part Mueller says:

"It is a source of gratification and A prowler made his appearance at the home of Chief Eurich Wednesday evening and succeeded in raising 'a window at the rear of the house. Its did not enter. A dragnet has been set for the man,

FORMALLY ELECTED AS LEAD ER OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH-REV. DAY TO PREACH.

the District of Columbia and Hawaii and immediately upon the outbreak of war. The vessels of the Atlantic

will be placed in commission.

NAVAL MILITIA IS BUSY THESE DAYS

are short of both officers and men. sd in the navy are expected to return to cruits. The gun was taken to the New additional drafts of officers and men the service. The navy department has York navy yard for defensive purposes.

CILICIA, LARGE BRITISH

SHIP, IS SUNK

London, Feb. 15 .- The British

steamers Cilicia, 3,750 tons, and

the Forga have been sunk in the

barred zone waters, Lloyds an-

nounced at noon today. The

crew of the Citicia was saved but

the announcement inade no men-

tion of the fate of the Fergas

crew. The Cilicia was owned by

the International Line Steamship

Company and hailed from Whitby.

The Ferga hailed from Cardiff.

toll of German U-boats up to 103

since the ruthless submarine war-

LAW WAS WARNED BEFORE

SINKING.

New York, Feb. 15 .- Confirma-

tion of reports that the American

schooner Lyman M. Law was

sunk by an Austrian submarine,

was received here today in the

form of a cablegram from Capt.

S. W. McDonough, who command-

ed the vessel. The message was

addressed to the Maratime Trans-

submarine. Crew safe at Cag-

MUNDAY IS GRANTED PRISON

DELAY.

B. Munday, convicted of wreck-

ing the La Salle Street Trust &

Savings Bank, of Chicago, was

granted supersedious by the Su-

preme Court today and admitted

to bail in the sum of \$10,000, thus

caving him from the penitentiary

until the Supreme Court hears

LOWDEN CODE BILL WINS

RY BIG VOTE.

Lowden's administration bill-the

efficiency consolidation measure-

passed the House this morning

by the smashing vote of 143 to 2.

suit of the vote was greeted with

cheers from the Republican side

also some from the Democratic

cide. Minority Leader Mishael

Igo, announced withdrawal of all

ANTONE WEBBER IS

suicide pact with his wife, to slay

their three children and kill them

selves, was this afternoon declared

insane at a sanity hearing given him

court room by Doctors Roberts and

Jamieson. Webber will be taken to

the Kankakee hospital, where his

The three children will probably be

"How did you cure yourself of in-

"I left a big lot of my day's work

unfinished and then tried to stay awake

and do it at night."-Bosic w'Transcript.

wife is already an inmate.

declared dependent.

opposition this morning.

The announcement of the re-

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 15 .- Gov.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 15 .- Chas.

"Law destroyed by Austrian

portation Co. and is as follows:

Lari, Sardinia,"

his appeal.

fare beran on February I.

These two ships brought the

JACK, THE HUGGER' EXTRA

FRIGHTENS WOMEN

TWO NORTH OTTAWA WOMEN

ARE ATTACKED BY MORON-

POLICE LAUNCH DRAGNET FOR

ARREST OF MAN-PROWLER

Prowlers, Jack the Peepers, and

Huggers seem to have infested this

city within the last few days. Whether

or not the one man is to blame for all

have been unable to ascertain. Two

prominent North Ottawa ladies, and

who have requested the authorities to

withhold their names, were attacked

by a Jack the Hugger Tuesday even-

lag near the Rock Island depgt. In an

endeavor to arrest the guilty party,

whom it is believed as a resident of

this city, the story was withheld from

lice Eurlch enlisted the aid of the

peribes in helping him to run down

One of the women was bitten by

the fellow. The attack occurred These

day evening at 8 o'clock. The young

lady's screams attracted the attention

of men who were near by and they

The hugger disappeared before a de-

The same evening he perpetrated

an attack on another North Ottawa

woman, who succeeded in fighting him

off while rescuers were hurrying in

Authorities believe that it was the

Prowler at Eurich Home.

who has thrown people into a nervous

AT HIGH SCHOOL

interesting. Dr. Pettit, recognized as

preciated by Prof. W. E. Howard and

Monday afternoon, Feb. 19, 1917, at

WILL HOLD CARD PARTY

state the past few days.

acciption of him could be obtained.

This morning, however, Chief of Po-

reporters.

the guilty party.

tan to her resenc.

AT EURICH HOME .--

Naval officers asserted that the naval will be given the fleets to bring their com-plements up to full war strength. The dresses, physical condition, qualifications, former service in the navy and all other data needed by the department. The two In the past few days recruiting for the pictures show the removal of a four inch naval militia has been stimulated by the sun from the Granite State, the obsolete acute crisis with Germany, and a large vessel used as a headquarters by the New

COUNCIL ACCEPTS PLANS FOR CONDUIT

& T. COMPANY.

council this morning, when the con- actual operations. duit ordinance for the business section was accepted by the commissioners by a vote of 3 to 2. There was much wrangling when the measure

Light & Traction Co. were laid upon the table at the city hall. Superin- ing in the loop section. tendent Charles Hahn was present ready to answer all questions of the lawmakers. Meagher Talks.

Hahn, yea do not propose to build conduits to take care of your wires on West Main street," said Mr. Meagher. "We have a few customers on that

street who are consuming a small place our wires in the alley," was the This question brought out the advice of City Attorney Taylor Strawn, who cited that in his opinion the

wires could be placed in the alley and still conform with the ordinance. "Then what was the idea of having an ordinance passed compelling the

companies to build conduits," said Commissioner Meagher.

Commissioner Helffrich then called the attention of the council to the fact no communication had been received relative to what the company would do with the conduit in District No. 2. Commissioner Helffrich made a motion that a communication be sent to the Northern Illinois Light & Traction company asking for an immediate reply as to the conduits in the second to two vote, being supported only by

Meagher and Helffrich. **DECLARED INSANE** Antone Webber, Oglesby miner, who on Monday, January 8, entered into a

AGO.

New York, Feb. 15-Nineteen years ago today the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, precipitating the war with Spain which had long been brewing because of the Cuban situation.

Today the Cuban situation again holds American interest, with the possibility that it may be again necessary for American troops to intervene on the Island.

per of trained men who formerly serv- Yerk naval militia, and application of re-

MORNING AT CITY HALL -MEAGHER AND HELFFRICH OP-FOSE SPECIFICATION OF N. I. L.

compared to the session of the city N. I. L. & T. Co. were first to begin

"As I understand the plans, Mr.

attitude on the subject stated that the and swears he will seek damages. city had a right to appeal to the Public Utilities in the event the utility Mr. Tappen having sold him with the States there. companies did not live up to the orgi- bakery to Mr. Poole. nance as voted on by the people. He recommended the acceptance of the GET ALLEGED Northern Illinois Light & Traction company's plan so as not to delay the pavement. Upon a motion of Commissioner Palmer a vote was taken and won by three to two. Helffrich

MAIN SUNK NINETEEN YEARS

before Judge Mayo in the county

VACANT PLACES IN OUR WARSHIPS U.S. WILL TAKE WHITLOCK OUT OF BRUSSELS; GOES TO HAVRE

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR LOOP CONDUITS

N. I. L. & T. CO. WILL STAR! MESSAGES ARE VAGUE DER GROUND-FORMER OTTA-WA MAN TO DO WORK.

As an evidence of good faith and showing that they are ready to push the work the Northern Illinois Light & Traction Co. this morning filed a bond of acceptancy on the plans of the conduit system in the downtown paving district. In addition to this they have already let the contract for the work in the business district, the probably will be recalled from Brusjob going to W. F. Cummings, Chica- sels and sent to Havre where the Belgo contractor, who is a former resigian government now is established. dent of this city.

and steel poles for the local line, will cost \$47,500. Mr. Cummings did the gigantic task on March 1.

Ready for No. 2 District.

Not only are they ready and willing to push the work in the business district but announce that as soon as the city passes on the outlying district the work will be started. This advice was given out to a Free Trader-Journal reporter by Superintendent L. W. Che State Department. Most of the Hess after a telephone communica. Americans are expected to be sent tion with H. E. Chubbuck in Peoria. Conduits placed for the city will be

ern Illinois Light & Traction Co. STORMY SESSION IS HELD THIS credit for being the first of the public and his messages are not very clear utilities companies to comply with the to the department, which now is trypositive word has been received from and the Americans with him actually the Western Union and Postal Tele- are being detained by the German graph companies. Information from authorities. the United Telephone company and the Western Union Telegraph com- with Secretary Lansing the situation Traveling on rough seas was tame pany has been to the effect that they are now working on their plans. The

A delay, however, in the wires for

time on account of the European war. The Northern Illinois Light & Tractien Co., however, will have their The plans of the Northern Illinois work completed in ample time so as by no means to interfere with pay. in Berlin.

VICIOUS HORSE BITES OTTAWAN

headquarters in Ottawa, had an exper. congress definitely to authorize the ience with a vicious horse at Morris arming of AAmerican vessels. amount of power and we intended to that was none too pleasant, according So far as the Austrian situation is to the Herald, of that city, which concerned there has been no change

belonging to the Tappen bakery, is a asked Austria to outline her exact good old scout, having one bad habit. position on the question of unlimited When he stands for any length of submarine warfare. While awaiting a time he looks as the he were dead to reply it is getting all Americans out the world. But let anyone pass close of the territory of the central powers. enough to reach and his ears go back while his snoot shoots out. Wide open mouth warns against too close proximity. If the warning is not sufficient someone gets nipped.

Bert Houseman, of Ottawa, happengot too close to Dobbin. The first loose from the molars of the horse.

Old Dobbin had grabbed a generdistrict. The motion lost by a three ous mouthful, taking the overcoat. undercoat, vest, shirt and undershirt. Houseman is sore, not only at him-Mayor Bradford in explaining his self but at the horse and its owner

The horse has a new owner now.

AUTO THIEF

L. D. Johnson, wanted in Peorla upand Meagher voted against the meas- on information charging him with a + sconding with an automobile, was arrested last night at Lowell by Deputy Sheriff William Mischke. Word-was sent to Ottawa to watch for Johnson, who was known to hae left the car in a Lowell garage last October. When he returned for the machine he was arrested.

Johnson purchased the machine under contract from a Peoria concern and when he failed to make the final payments and left town taking the car with him, warrants were issued for his arrest. He had a break down at Lowell while en route to Chicago and stored the car there after repairs were made. Johnson claims he bought the car from its rightful owner and his arrest is illegal.

FORCES CHANGE ON

DIPLOMAT FORBIDDEN USE OF CODE TO COMMUNICATE WITH WASHINGTON-STATUS OF RE-LIEF COMMITTEE IN DOUBT.

By JOHN EDWIN NEVIN, International News Service Staff

Correspondent.) Washington, Feb. 15 -Brand Whitock, American minister to Belgium, Definite decision will be reached on The work, including all conduits this question shortly by the State Department.

Secretary of State Lansing announcconduit work at La Salle and announce bed today that he has received confired that he will be ready to begin the mation of the report that Mr. Whitlock was remarked to lower the America "an from he embassy in Brussels. The secretary made it plain that this was a request and not an

order from the German officials. The status of Mr. Whitlock and the the members of American Beglian relief commission is greatly troubling out of German controlled Belgium but no complete report is as yet available. done so at absolute cost by the North. Minister Whitlock is no longer permitted to use the diplomatic code in The local plant must be given the communicating with this government request of the city council. As yet no ing to learn whether Mr. Whitlock

President Wilson today talked over official circles to disguise the grave concern felt over the Whitlock situation. It is certain that if it is proven true that our minister if under deto the enormous cost of copper at this release will be made. The inquiries as to the exact facts in the case are being prosecuted thru the Swiss min-

ister here and the Spanish ambassador It was stated at the White House today that the report that the president was to go to congress today or tomorrow to take the "next step" in the German submarine situation was

not true. No arrangements have been made by the president, it was stated. He Bert Houseman, a traveling sales. is awaiting developments and has not man for the Lever Kodak Co., with as yet decided whether he will ask

as yet. This government, through Old Dobbin, a faithful delivery nag Ambassador Penfield, in Vienna, has

Austria to Define Stand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15 .-Grave concern is felt in official circles over the reports from Berne that Brand Whitlock, the American minised to pass that way yesterday and ter to Belgium, and all of the American members of the Belgian relief thing Houseman knew something has commission practically are prisoners him by the small of the back and it at Brussels. Inquiry as to the truth was all he could do to pry himself of these reports have been addressed to Berlin thru the Swiss minister here and the Spanish ambassador there. It is considered certain that if the reports are true a peremptory demand for their release will be made. Meanwhile it is understood here that the Spanish minister at Brussels had taken charge of the affairs of the United

Officials say that the president chortly must go before congress again and lay the developments of the entire submarine situation before it and that then legislation specifically authorizing the arming of American vessels will be secured. While the majority of the cabinet considers that American ship owners have full authority to arm their vessels for defense in as much as they cannot secure cannon excepting from the Navy department, it will be considered necessary to have congress to pass on the question, The navy has no authority at the pres ent time to furnish arms or ships.

The official reports of the sinking of the American schooner Lyman M. Law by an Austrian submarine has added very little to the tension. 'Tie schooner was stopped and her crew warned. The sinking, officials say, was illegal in that her cargo of lumber was not contraband and the submarine failed to display its flag. A

formal explanation of the action of (Continued on Page 3.)